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REACTOR AND METHOD OF

CATALYTIC REFORMING OF FUEL

TO HYDROGEN

Examiner: K. Kerns

Group Art Unit: 1725

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 AND § 1.98

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants submit for consideration in the above-identified application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the documents are also submitted herewith. The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record.

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